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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell, and John Webster.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

Regular Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Gordon Lange, Richard Monteiro, David Russell and John Webster
Members Absent: Robert Morrison

Staff: Rick Norris, Project manager - School Construction, Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings & Grounds and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.

Gilbane Building Company: Peter Manning, Project Executive.

JCJ Architecture: Scott Celella, Principal, and Jeff Beatrice, Associate.

Also present : Catherine Kolnaski, Town Councilor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) March 20, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. LaFrance and seconded by Mr. Monteiro to accept the minutes of March 20th as written. The motion passed with one abstention by Vice-chairman Lange.

b) April 10, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. Monteiro and seconded by Mr. Russell to accept the minutes of April 10th as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

None.

(b) Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School and Northeast Academy Elementary School

Mr. Norris told the Committee that a number of punchlist items for the elementary schools have been completed and he will ask the Town Planner to review the projects for site plan compliance and final sign off when ready. Mr. Norris has been working with Mr. Greenleaf on resolving a list of incomplete or deficient items at the elementary schools. Mr. Manning told the PSBC that CES is looking at an issue with the boiler at the Catherine Kolnaski school and the contractor for the doors will be returning for some repairs. A discussion followed on some of the outstanding items for the project including the computer system. Mr. Celella explained some of the issues that have held up the completion of the computer systems and said that JCJ Architecture would be issuing their final recommendations for the computer systems on Friday, May 2nd.

(c) Fitch High School Addition and Renovation Project

1) Project Team

Mr. Norris began the report on the Fitch High School project with a discussion of the potential additional costs to the project. The abatement options for the additional asbestos removal needed for the Renovation project were discussed. Several other items including the security desk for "Main Street" were also reviewed.

The group was also presented with a list of potential savings in the Fitch Addition and Renovation project. Several items pertaining to reduction of site plantings, parking lots, and sidewalks have received Planning Commission approval.

2) Gilbane Building Company

Mr. Manning distributed the CM report (attached) to the Committee and provided a construction update. The project contractors made headway with the punchlist during the April school break. The acoustical panels were installed in "Main Street" and flooring and painting punchlist items in the Addition were completed. Next week plantings and seeding will be done when the final raking and grading will commence.

Work is progressing on the Renovation project as well. Area 5 has been sheet rocked and next week the queuing area for the Cafeteria will be done. Area 7, the art and culinary rooms, have been framed.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**a) School Building Phase II Committee**

No meeting. No report. The Phase II Committee meets again on May 22nd.

b) School Opening Celebration

The Celebration Committee met on April 28th and confirmed September 6th as the date for the Fitch High School Addition and Renovation Project Celebration Ceremony. The event begins at 9:00 am and will feature music from the students and guest speakers yet to be determined. The Celebration Committee meets again on June 18th.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC is the regular meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.